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Information re US military assistance to Libya contained DEPTTEL 237 most useful and greatly clarifies present situation and future prospects.

Presume (1) only US share armored car squadron will be provided under Section 401 and that (2) any future contributions will be handled under some sort military assistance agreement.

Consider this essential even though training and actual equipping Libyan army remains responsibility British military mission. British items joint gift now being unloaded Tripoli harbor and will be serviced prior presentation GOL tentatively scheduled January 28.

Is there any chance US share, perhaps borrowed from units in Italy, could arrive by that date or shortly thereafter? Fear initial highly favorable impact will be diminished if time lag is too long.

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